Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If the Government decide to divide the villages and wards will not this be taken into consideration ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there was a redistribution and reallocation of seats ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There may be in some Panchayats.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was this reallocation made on account of requests from the Village Panchayats ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was on the report of the Director of Public Health himself. He made a suggestion to the Government that such alterations will be useful.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government consider further requests from the Panchayats ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly.

NALLEPPILLI PANCHAYAT—NOMINATIONS TO.

3. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) who were the persons nominated this year to the Nalleppilli Panchayat ;

(*b*) who were the persons recommended for nomination ;

(*c*) what are the special qualifications of the nominated over those passed over ;

(*d*) were there not two petitions from the women-folk of Nalleppilli requesting for nominations from among them ;

(*e*) why were their prayers unheeded ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Mr. Meleveettil Devaki Amma Govinda Menon (Nalleppilli village).

Mr. Ericheri Kuppelan Velayudhan (Thekkedesam village).

(*b*) Nomination proposals are treated as confidential and so the information asked for cannot be supplied.

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(*c*) Mr. Govinda Menon was member before and is experienced.

Mr. Velayudhan is a member of the Ezhuva community which forms a considerable portion of the population of the Panchayat.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) In the case of the proposed woman Sreemathi Pandarathil Ponnu Amma, she is a Government servant and hence she was not qualified.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know whether the Minister would be persuaded to nominate her had she not been a Government servant?

Mr. President: It is a hypothetical question.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Who is the nominee of the other petition?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Another lady. She is a mistress in an aided school.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are aided school teachers disqualified to be members of the Panchayats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly they are not disqualified.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Why was she not nominated?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I don't think sex is a qualification. In the report it is stated that Mr. Govinda Menon was a member before and is an able and efficient man and he belongs to one of the most respectable families in the taluk next to Chondath and Angarath.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was he a nominated or elected member before?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Elected member.

ELECTION—PERINGOTTUKARA GROUP PANCHAYAT.

4. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when was the last election to the Peringottukara Group Panchayat over;

(*b*) the names of candidates elected;

(*c*) when was the nomination to the same Panchayat made;

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